

CAUSE NO. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	COUNTY COURT AT LAW
	§	
VS.	§	NO. 2
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_____	§	PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS

WAIVER OF LAWYER AND REQUEST TO PROCEED PRO SE

I am _____ who is charged with _____ in the above cause. I understand that I have the following rights:

- To have arraignment by this Court (be advised of the charges, range of punishment, and my rights);
- To have trial by jury;
- To be represented by a lawyer chosen by me;
- To have a lawyer appointed to me if I cannot afford one;
- To have a lawyer inform me of my rights to a trial by a jury and my other rights;
- To continue to represent myself; and
- To have ten days after appointment of any lawyer before entering a plea.

I understand:

- The nature of the charge against me and the range of punishment for the charge;
- That upon a plea of guilty or nolo contendere with a written, signed waiver of a jury, the Court may assess punishment at its own discretion;
- That proceeding without a lawyer could result in a conviction or more severe punishment than may have resulted had I been represented by a lawyer;
- I may withdraw my waiver of counsel under certain conditions;
- That if I receive deferred adjudication, on violation of probation I may be arrested and detained. Also, I am entitled to a hearing limited to the determination by the Court of whether it proceeds with an adjudication of guilt on the original charge. After an adjudication of guilt, all proceedings, including assessment of punishment, pronouncement of sentence, granting of probation and any appeal, continue as if the adjudication of guilt had not been deferred. The Court may assess punishment anywhere within the range provided by the law for this offense; and
- That if I am not a U.S. citizen, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere may result in deportation, exclusion from admission into the U.S., or denial of naturalization.

You may be making a big mistake, and the following will explain why:

- A. You will receive no special favors or assistance from the bench;
- B. You will be expected to comply with all relevant rules and procedures;
- C. Your right to self-representation is not a license to abuse the dignity of the courtroom or to get favorable treatment;
- D. The Court may, and will, terminate your self-representation should you deliberately engage in obstructionist or other serious misconduct;
- E. If the Court wishes, standby counsel will be appointed in order to represent you in the event termination of your self-representation becomes necessary, or to aid you if and when help is requested; you have no standing to object to such appointment; and
- F. If choosing self-representation, you will relinquish many of the traditional benefits associated with having a lawyer represent you.
 1. In all but an extraordinarily small number of cases, an accused who undertakes self-representation will lose whatever defense he may have;
 2. You may give up the right to complain of any technical errors in your case;

